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President: Ms. Al-Khalifa ..... (Bahrain)

The meeting was called to order at 10.25 a.m.

Agenda item 7 (*continued*)

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: reopening of the consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 63

The President: I invite the attention of the General Assembly to document A/61/L.63, circulated under sub-item (b) of agenda item 63, entitled "Promotion and protection of the rights of children: follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children".

Members will recall that the General Assembly concluded its consideration of agenda item 63 at its 81st plenary meeting, on 19 December 2006. As indicated in the footnote to document A/61/L.63, in order to enable the General Assembly to consider the draft resolution, it will be necessary to reopen its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 63. May I take it that it is the wish of the General Assembly to reopen its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 63?

It was so decided.

The President: Members will also recall that, at its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 September 2006, the General Assembly decided to allocate agenda item 63 and its sub-items to the Third Committee. In order for the General Assembly to take action expeditiously on draft resolution A/61/L.63, may I take that the Assembly wishes to consider sub-item (b) of agenda 63 directly in plenary meeting?

It was so decided.

The President: May I further take it that the Assembly agrees to proceed immediately to the consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 63?

It was so decided.

Agenda item 63 (*continued*)

Promotion and protection of the rights of children

(b) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children

Draft resolution (A/61/L.63)

The President: In connection with draft resolution A/61/L.63, I give the floor to the representative of the Secretariat.

Mr. Botnaru (Chief, General Assembly Affairs Branch): In connection with draft resolution A/61/L.63, on the commemorative high-level plenary meeting devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children, I wish to place on record the following statement of financial implications, on behalf of the Secretary-General, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

Under the terms of operative paragraphs 1, 3, 10 and 11 of the draft resolution, respectively, the General Assembly would:

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"[Decide] to convene a commemorative high-level plenary meeting to evaluate progress made in the implementation of the Declaration and the Plan of Action contained in the document entitled 'A world fit for children' on 11 and 12 December 2007;"

"[Decide] that the commemorative high-level plenary meeting will comprise plenary meetings and two thematic interactive round tables;"

"[Request] the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive analytical report on progress achieved and challenges remaining in implementing the commitments set out in the Declaration and the Plan of Action at least six weeks prior to its consideration by the General Assembly at its sixty-second session;"

and

"[Decide] that the chairpersons of the interactive round tables will present summaries of the discussions at the closing plenary meeting".

Pursuant to those operative paragraphs of the draft resolution, it is understood that the commemorative high-level plenary meeting would comprise a total of four General Assembly plenary meetings with simultaneous interpretation and verbatim records in the six official languages of the United Nations, as well as two parallel round tables with simultaneous interpretation in the six official languages. Documentation requirements are estimated at 32 pages of pre-session and four pages of in-session documents, to be issued in all six languages. No post-session documentation is foreseen.

Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/61/L.63, no additional conference servicing resources would be required for the four General Assembly plenary meetings and documentation indicated earlier, on the understanding that these are part of the normal work of the General Assembly, for which resources have already been budgeted throughout the year according to its entitlements.

As regards the two parallel round tables, these would constitute an addition to the draft calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations, for which it is estimated that implementation would involve additional conference servicing resources in the total amount of $22,500 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.

Although no provisions have been made under the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 for servicing the two parallel round tables as envisaged in the draft resolution, the necessary requirements would be accommodated to the fullest extent possible from within existing provisions of the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007, and resources required over and above the existing capacity would be accommodated by the United Nations Children's Fund. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/61/L.63, no additional conference servicing resources would be required for the servicing of the two parallel round tables.

The President: We will now proceed to consider draft resolution A/61/L.63.

I now call on the representative of Cuba, who wishes to speak in explanation of position before action is taken on the draft resolution. May I remind delegations that explanations of vote or position are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegation from their seats.

Mrs. Pérez Álvarez (Cuba) (*spoke in Spanish*): The delegation of Cuba would like briefly to explain its position on draft resolution A/61/L.63, which is before us today.

The delegation of Cuba would like to thank those countries which, for several weeks, contributed to the negotiations on this draft resolution, which outlines organizational arrangements for the holding of the commemorative high-level plenary meeting devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children. My delegation would also like to commend the representative of Belarus for his efforts as facilitator during the negotiating process.

Cuba reaffirms its steadfast commitment to the Declaration and the Plan of Action contained in the document entitled "A world fit for children" (resolution S-27/2, annex). We acknowledge that its implementation is closely linked to the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals. That being said, the delegation of Cuba would like to express its understanding of paragraph 7, in the light of what representatives of the United Nations Children's Fund

(UNICEF) stated to delegations during the negotiations: organizations accredited to UNICEF already have consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, unlike those in a collaborative relationship with UNICEF, which are not in that category and to which the no-objection procedure would apply for a final decision by the General Assembly on the matter.

The delegation of Cuba would also like to point out an error in paragraph 12 of the draft resolution. The word "commitment" should be replaced by the word "commitments".

Once again, I would like to thank the Secretariat for its efforts throughout the entire negotiating process, which went on for several months.

Here, I would like to recall the words of José Martí, the champion of Cuban independence: "Children being the hope of the world". That sums up the highest aspirations of humankind — which, however, is obliged to struggle for this reality. That should be the objective of our work and of open, transparent negotiations — which we hope will continue under the President of the sixty-second session of the General Assembly — among all Member States present in this room.

The President: The correction made by the representative of Cuba will be reflected in the final text.

We have heard the only speaker in explanation of position before action is taken on the draft resolution.

The Assembly will now take action on draft resolution A/61/L.63, entitled "Commemorative high-level plenary meeting devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children".

May I take it that the Assembly decides to adopt draft resolution A/61/L.63, as orally corrected?

Draft resolution A/61/L.63, as orally corrected, was adopted (resolution 61/272).

I call on the representative of the United States of America, who wishes to speak in explanation of position on the resolution just adopted.

Ms. Shestack (United States of America): The United States would like to make an explanation of position after the adoption.

The United States joined consensus on draft resolution A/61/L.63 reluctantly. We would have preferred that paragraph 12 of this resolution left more discretion to the President of the General Assembly as to the appropriate format and methodology for arriving at an outcome of the commemorative high-level plenary meeting. The United States would have been satisfied with a chairman's statement or summary as the outcome of the commemorative meeting.

The Declaration and Plan of Action contained in "A world fit for children" (resolution S-27/2, annex) adopted by consensus in 2002 and still relevant and applicable, sets out the commitments of the international community towards children. We believe that the outcome of the commemorative meeting in December 2007 should reaffirm those commitments and that every precaution should be taken by the President of the General Assembly and by Member States to keep the outcome extremely brief and to avoid re-opening, undermining or calling into question any of those commitments.

The President: We have heard the only speaker in explanation of position.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Ambassador Andrei Dapkiunas of Belarus, who so ably and patiently conducted the discussions and complex negotiations in the informal consultations in order to bring them to a successful conclusion. I am sure that members of the Assembly join me in extending to him our sincere appreciation.

The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 63.

Reports of the Fifth Committee

The President: The General Assembly will now consider the reports of the Fifth Committee on agenda items 115; 117; 129 together with 130; 116 together with 117, 127 and 132; 133; 134; 135; 136; 138; 139; 140; 141; 142; 143; 144 and its sub-items (a) and (b); 145; 146; 147; 151; and 116.

I now request the representative of Guatemala to introduce the reports of the Fifth Committee in one intervention.

Ms. Samayoa-Recari (Guatemala) (*spoke in Spanish*): I have the honour to present to the General Assembly, on behalf of the Rapporteur, Mr. Diego

Simancas of Mexico, the reports prepared by the Fifth Committee during the second part of the resumed 61st session of the General Assembly. From 8 May to 27 June 2007, the Fifth Committee held 12 formal meetings and numerous informal meetings as well as informal informal consultations.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, this resumed session of the Fifth Committee was devoted primarily to considering the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping missions and associated peacekeeping issues. The Committee considered the financing of 18 peacekeeping missions as well as related peacekeeping items and other issues.

In connection with agenda item 115, entitled "Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors", and in particular on the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations of the Board of Auditors concerning United Nations peacekeeping operations, in paragraph 6 of its report contained in document A/61/631/Add.1, the Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution that the Committee adopted without a vote.

Under agenda item 117, entitled "Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007", the Committee recommends, in paragraph 6 of its report (A/61/592/Add.5), the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007", which was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

Concerning agenda item 129, "Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994", and item 130, "Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991", in paragraph 6 of document A/61/967 the Committee recommends to the General Assembly that it adopt a draft resolution entitled "Comprehensive proposal on appropriate incentives to retain staff of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia".

Regarding agenda items 116, 117, 127 and 132, the Committee recommends, in paragraph 6 of its report (A/61/980), the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Terms of reference for the Independent Audit Advisory Committee and strengthening of the Office of Internal Oversight Services", which was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

In its report under agenda item 132, entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations", contained in document A/61/968, the Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of four draft resolutions — draft resolution I, entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Cross-cutting issues"; draft resolution II, entitled "Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy"; draft resolution III, entitled "Consolidation of peacekeeping accounts"; and draft resolution IV, entitled "Strengthening the capacity of the United Nations to manage and sustain peacekeeping operations" — as well as an oral draft decision entitled "Closed peacekeeping missions". All of the draft resolutions and the oral draft decision were adopted without a vote.

With regard to the draft proposals on the financing of peacekeeping operations, I should like to inform the General Assembly that, with the exception of that relating to agenda item 144 (b), entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon", all were adopted by the Committee without a vote.

The relevant reports of the Fifth Committee are presented under the following items: item 133, "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi"; item 134, "Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire"; item 135, "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus"; item 136, "Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo"; item 138, "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor"; item 139, "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea"; item 140, "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia"; item 141,

"Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti"; item 142, "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo"; item 143, "Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia"; item 144 (a), "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Disengagement Observer Force"; item 145, "Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone"; item 146, "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan"; item 147, "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara"; and item 151, "Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste".

Regarding agenda item 144 (b), entitled "Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon", the report of the Fifth Committee is contained in document A/61/657/Add.2. The Committee decided to retain the fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 4, 5 and 20, by a single recorded vote of 84 in favour to 5 against, with 47 abstentions. In paragraph 8 of the report, the Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the draft resolution as a whole, which was adopted by the Committee by a recorded vote of 136 in favour to 2 against, with 1 abstention.

Concerning agenda item 116, "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations", the report of the Fifth Committee is contained in document A/61/667/Add.2. In paragraph 5 of the report, the Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft decision entitled "Questions deferred for future consideration", which was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

Before I conclude, allow me once again to thank delegations for their cooperation in the conduct of the negotiations. I would like to thank the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, Ambassador Youcef Yousfi, for the excellent way in which he guided us through our difficult work, as well as the members of the Bureau, with whom it is always a pleasure to work. On behalf of all of us, I wish to express our profound thanks to the representatives of the Secretariat, in particular the Fifth Committee secretariat, for their patience and support.

The President: If there is no proposal under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, I shall take it that the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the Fifth Committee, which are before the Assembly today.

It was so decided.

The President: Statements will therefore be limited to explanations of vote. The positions of delegations regarding the recommendations of the Fifth Committee have been made clear in the Committee and are reflected in the relevant official records. May I remind members that under paragraph 7 of decision 34/401, the General Assembly agreed that

> "When the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in plenary meeting unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee."

May I remind delegations that, also in accordance with decision 34/401, explanations of vote are limited to 10 minutes and should be made by delegations from their seats.

Before we begin to take action on the recommendations contained in the reports of the Fifth Committee, I should like to advise representatives that we are going to proceed to take decisions in the same manner as was done in the Fifth Committee, unless notified otherwise in advance. This means that where recorded or separate votes were taken, we will do the same. I should also hope that we may proceed to adopt without a vote those recommendations that were adopted without a vote in the Fifth Committee.

Agenda item 115 (*continued*)

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/631/Add.1)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. The text of the draft resolution, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/61/L.48.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 61/233 B).

The President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 115.

Agenda item 117 (*continued*)

Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/592/Add.5)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. The text of the draft resolution, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/61/L.54.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution, entitled "Special subjects relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007". The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 61/273).

The President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 117.

Agenda items 129 (*continued*) and 130 (*continued*)

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/967)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. The text of the draft resolution, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/61/L.50.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution, entitled "Comprehensive proposal on appropriate incentives to retain staff of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia". The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 61/274).

The President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 129 and 130.

Agenda items 116 (*continued*), 117 (*continued*), 127 and 132 (*continued*)

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007

Report on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/980)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. The text of the draft resolution, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/61/L.70.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution, entitled "Terms of reference for the Independent Audit Advisory Committee and strengthening the Office of Internal Oversight Services". The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 61/275).

The President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 116, 117, 127 and 132.

Agenda item 132 (*continued*)

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/968)

The President: The Assembly has before it four draft resolutions recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 14 of its report and an oral draft decision recommended in paragraph 15 of the same report. The texts of the four draft resolutions, for the time being, are contained in documents A/C.5/61/L.49, A/C.5/61/L.55, A/C.5/61/L.56 and A/C.5/61/L.71. The text of the oral draft decision is now being distributed to all Member States.

We first will take a decision on draft resolutions I to IV and then on the oral draft decision.

Draft resolution I is entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: cross-cutting issues". The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution I was adopted (resolution 61/276).

The President: Draft resolution II is entitled "Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy". The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution II was adopted (resolution 61/277).

The President: Draft resolution III is entitled "Consolidation of peacekeeping accounts". The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

Draft resolution III was adopted (resolution 61/278).

The President: Draft resolution IV is entitled "Strengthening the capacity of the United Nations to manage and sustain peacekeeping operations". The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

Draft resolution IV was adopted (resolution 61/279).

The President: The oral draft decision is entitled "Closed peacekeeping missions". The Fifth Committee adopted the draft decision without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted.

The President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 132.

Agenda item 133 (*continued*)

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/547/Add.2)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. The text of the draft resolution, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/61/L.57.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 61/9 B).

The President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 133.

Agenda item 134 (*continued*)

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/621/Add.1)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. The text of the draft resolution, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/61/L.52.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 61/247 B).

The President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 134.

Agenda item 135

Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/969)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. The text of the draft resolution, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/61/L.58.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 61/280).

The President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 135.

Agenda item 136

Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/970)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. The text of the draft resolution, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/61/L.51.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 61/281).

The President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 136.

Agenda item 138

Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/971)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. The text of the draft resolution, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/61/L.59.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 61/282).

The President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 138.

Agenda item 139 (*continued*)

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/617/Add.1)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. The text of the draft resolution, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/61/L.60.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 61/248 B).

The President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 139.

Agenda item 140

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/972)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee

in paragraph 6 of its report. The text of the draft resolution, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/61/L.61.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 61/283).

The President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 140.

Agenda item 141

Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/973)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. The text of the draft resolution, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/61/L.62.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 61/284).

The President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 141.

Agenda item 142

Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/974)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. The text of the draft resolution, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/61/L.63.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 61/285).

The President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 142.

Agenda item 143

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/975)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. The text of the draft resolution, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/61/L.64.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 61/286).

The President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 143.

Agenda item 144 (*continued*)

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/976)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. The text of the draft resolution, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/61/L.65.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 61/287).

The President: I give the floor to the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic, who has asked to speak in explanation of position on the resolution just adopted.

Mr. Ja'afari (Syrian Arab Republic) (*spoke in Arabic*): My delegation joined the consensus in adopting resolution 61/287, on the financing of the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force. We did so on the basis of a principle we have always emphasized and to which we have always adhered, namely, that the responsibility for the financing of the Force should be borne by Israel, the aggressor party and the occupying Power in the occupied Syrian Golan. It was Israel's occupation that led to the establishment of the Force. We joined the consensus also in line with fundamental principles reflected in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV), of 27 June 1963.

The President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 144.

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/657/Add.2)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report. The text of the draft resolution, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/61/L.53.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution, entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon".

I call first on delegations wishing to speak in explanation of vote before the voting.

Mr. Ja'afari (Syrian Arab Republic) (*spoke in Arabic*): My delegation would like to express its support for the draft resolution on the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). We will vote in favour of the draft resolution, in line with principles that we have always affirmed: that responsibility for the financing of this force should be borne by Israel, the aggressor and the occupying Power, which is responsible for the establishment of the Force. Our country's vote is in line with the general principles contained in resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963.

During the first part of the resumed session of the Fifth Committee, my delegation raised serious concerns with regard to the logical framework of the UNIFIL budget, in particular regarding the manner in which expected accomplishment 1.1, which stipulates the provision of a "Stable and secure environment in southern Lebanon" (*A/61/870, para. 10*) was drafted. My delegation indicated at that time that that expression was not in line with the mandate given to UNIFIL by the Security Council and that Council resolution 1701 (2006), which strengthened the mandate of UNIFIL — a mission established by Council resolution 425 (1978) — could not be interpreted in that manner. We have indicated that this expression, the provision of a "stable and secure environment" in southern Lebanon as an expected accomplishment, could entail giving Israel the right to enter Lebanese territory on security pretexts — a right that is open-ended in terms of area and time. It could also justify Israel's continued violations of Lebanese sovereignty by air, sea and land on the pretext that a "stable and secure environment" does not exist in southern Lebanon, as defined by Israeli criteria. As is well known and as has been documented, those criteria are not consistent with and do not respect the mandate of UNIFIL or Security Council resolution 1701 (2006).

The General Assembly, in resolution 61/250 B of 2 April 2007, on the financing of UNIFIL, recognized the concerns of my delegation and requested the Secretary-General to measure the accomplishments of the Force, including expected accomplishment 1.1, fully in accordance with the Security Council mandate.

During the second part of the resumed session of the Fifth Committee, my delegation once again raised serious concerns about the manner in which expected accomplishment 1.1 was drafted. This was because the Secretariat did not reformulate that expected accomplishment in line with the Security Council mandate and in accordance with General Assembly resolution 61/250 B.

My delegation would like to confirm once again that expected accomplishment 1.1, which stipulates the provision of a "stable and secure environment" in southern Lebanon, is not linked to the two basic objectives behind the enhancement of UNIFIL in southern Lebanon, as set out in Security Council resolution 1701 (2006). Those objectives are full respect for the Blue Line by both parties, as called for in paragraph 8 of the resolution, and the cessation of hostilities between the two parties, as mentioned in paragraph 11. We would like to indicate in this respect that the insistence on mentioning expected accomplishment 1.1 — a stable and secure environment in southern Lebanon — would enable Israel to continue to justify its failure to abide by

Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) and to undermine the credibility of UNIFIL in southern Lebanon. It would also give Israel a free hand to continue its intervention and violations in southern Lebanon without any control or accountability whatsoever.

We recall that Israel continues to occupy parts of southern Lebanon and that the Israeli air force still violates Lebanese airspace. This constitutes a violation of the Blue Line, which is monitored by UNIFIL, and a real threat to the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Lebanon, in violation of Security Council resolution 1701 (2006). Those Israeli violations are confirmed in UNIFIL reports to the United Nations and in official Lebanese letters on this matter. I have before me 10 official memorandums sent by the Permanent Mission of Lebanon on Israeli violations of Council resolution 1701 (2006).

This matter is now well known, as is the fact that Israel has targeted UNIFIL forces since the establishment of the Force and up until this very moment. We all remember the two Qana massacres, the first in 1996 and the second in 2006. Those two massacres are still fresh in the memory of the United Nations. I would like to indicate that the Lebanese letters and notes to which I have referred, between 14 March to 14 June 2007 — that is, over a period of four months — enumerated 155 Israeli violations by air, 34 by sea and 48 by land. All are violations of Council resolution 1702 (2006). They encroach on the mandate of UNIFIL and disregard the United Nations.

The General Assembly has once again recognized our serious concerns regarding expected accomplishment 1.1 by including paragraph 12 in the draft resolution that we will adopt shortly. It reaffirms paragraph 12 of resolution 61/250 B and requests the Secretary-General to measure the expected accomplishments of the Force fully in accordance with the Security Council mandate.

On that basis, my delegation would expect the Secretary-General to reformulate expected accomplishment 1.1 in a manner consistent with the mandate of Security Council resolutions 425 (1978) and 1701 (2006).

Mr. Ramadan (Lebanon): Today more than ever, Lebanon is in need of the continued support of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) in the aftermath of the terrorist attack that on Sunday, 24 June, targeted a Spanish battalion patrol in southern Lebanon and resulted in the deaths of six UNIFIL personnel and the injury of two others. The Lebanese Government expressed its solidarity with UNIFIL, denounced the attack in the strongest possible terms and committed itself to bringing the perpetrators of this heinous attack to justice.

The Lebanese people and the Lebanese Government extend their sincere condolences to the families of the fallen victims and to the peoples and Governments of Colombia and Spain. The Lebanese people and their Government also express their wishes for the quick recovery of those injured.

The latest attack on UNIFIL underscores the importance of maintaining a stable and secure environment in southern Lebanon, as stated by the Secretary-General in his report contained in document A/61/870, on the budget for the Force for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008. In this regard, we reiterate our understanding, as well as that of all of the States members of this Assembly that concur with the conclusion of the Secretary-General, that expected accomplishment 1.1 set out in the UNIFIL budget report is fully in line with the mandate of the Force under Security Council resolution 1701 (2006).

The General Assembly, in operative paragraph 12 of its resolution 61/250 B of 2 April 2007, on the additional financing of UNIFIL, requested the Secretary-General to continue to measure the accomplishments of the Force, including expected accomplishment 1.1, fully in accordance with the Security Council mandate. In response to that request, the Secretary-General, in his current report on the budget for the Force, contained in document A/61/870, reasserted his understanding that expected accomplishment 1.1 is fully in line with UNIFIL's mandate.

The delegation of Lebanon emphasizes that paragraph 12 of the current draft resolution, contained for the time being in document A/C.5/61/L.53, on which the Assembly is about to take a decision, only ascertains that the expected accomplishment 1.1 is fully in line with UNIFIL's mandate.

We hope that future reports on the financing of UNIFIL will continue to take into account the views of my delegation, the delegation that is primarily concerned with this issue, which concurs with those of all of the members of the Assembly.

Mr. Fluss (Israel): At the outset, let me express our condolences to the families and fellow soldiers of the members of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) who were attacked by terrorists at the beginning of this week in southern Lebanon. We also wish a speedy recovery to the injured.

It is with an eerie sense of déjà vu that we have been forced to listen to manipulations by the Syrian representative, who has tried to divert expected accomplishment 1.1 entirely towards the Blue Line, whilst he is hiding behind the fact that Syria is undermining peace and stability in the region through its blatant and dangerous violation of resolution 1701 (2006).

Members need not rely solely on my words here; Syria's interference in Lebanon is addressed in the Secretary-General's forthcoming report on the implementation of resolution 1701 (2006), which I would like to cite, as the matter came up just yesterday.

> "It is widely believed in Lebanon, including by the Government, that the strengthening of Fatah-Intifada and PFLP-GC outposts could not have taken place without the tacit knowledge and support of the Syrian Government. The Prime Minister of Lebanon has recently stated publicly that these outposts have been reinforced with munitions, arms and fighters by the Syrian Arab Republic."

The Government of Lebanon, says the Secretary-General, has reported seeing "two vehicles heading from Al-Kafeer in the Syrian Arab Republic across the Syrian-Lebanese border".

In his conclusion, the Secretary-General writes

> "I urge the Syrian Arab Republic to do more to control its border with Lebanon. I am disturbed by the persistent reports pointing to breaches of the arms embargo along the Lebanon-Syria border. I am disappointed that no further progress has been made between the Government of Lebanon and the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic to take the necessary steps with Lebanon to delineate their common border."

Those are the words of the Secretary-General's report on Security Council resolution 1701 (2006) exposing Syria's underhanded tactics, dangerous meddling and malicious disobedience. Syria's wilful violation of Council resolution 1701 (2006) gravely endangers the stability and security of Lebanon and the region.

Nothing short of immediate action can change this alarming situation. That is why Israel strongly supports the logical framework, including expected accomplishment 1.1, which is intended to provide for a safe and stable environment in southern Lebanon. It is not merely a question of the Blue Line; there are many more implications. Violations are currently originating from the Syrian-Lebanese border, as reflected in the report we saw yesterday. The world knows that Syria is behind the instability in Lebanon. Actually, Prime Minister Siniora said just this week, referring to the refugee camps where internal violence is taking place within Lebanon, that "these camps have been reinforced with munitions, arms and fighters. Everyone knows that these groups are supported and armed by Syria".

So, everyone knows — and I think the Syrian representative also knows — these facts. With these words, I suggest that we not try to interfere in the understanding and rationale of the mandate of resolution 1701 (2006) and of expected accomplishment 1.1.

The President: We will now take a decision on the draft resolution entitled, "Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon". A single separate vote has been requested on the fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 4, 5 and 20 of the draft resolution. As there is no objection to this request, I shall now put to the vote the fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 4, 5 and 20, on which a single separate and recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan A

Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Australia, Canada, Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Albania, Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Moldova, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 4, 5 and 20 of the draft resolution were retained by 89 votes to 4, with 47 abstentions.

The President: I shall now put to the vote the draft resolution as a whole. A recorded vote has been requested.

A recorded vote was taken.

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

Israel, United States of America.

Abstaining:

Australia.

The draft resolution as a whole was adopted by 141 votes to 2, with 1 abstention (resolution 61/250 C).

The President: I call on the representative of the United States of America, who wishes to speak in explanation of vote on the resolution just adopted.

Mr. Hillman (United States of America): Although my delegation strongly supports the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), the use of a funding resolution to pursue claims against a Member State procedurally is not correct. That is the reason that we were unable to support this resolution, which includes paragraphs that were objectionable to us. And that is the reason that we requested that a vote be taken.

The President: I shall now call on those representatives who wish to speak in exercise of the

right of reply. May I remind members that, in accordance with General Assembly decision 34/401, statements in exercise of the right of reply are limited to 10 minutes for the first intervention and to five minutes for the second and should be made by delegations from their seats.

Mr. Ja'afari (Syrian Arab Republic) (*spoke in Arabic*): My Government has officially expressed its sincere condolences to the Government and the people of Spain with regard to the deaths of members of the Spanish battalion as a result of the terrorist act committed in southern Lebanon. I also wish to express my personal condolences to the Spanish Government and to the United Nations.

The cowardly terrorist act targeting members of the Spanish battalion occurred in an area 600 metres from the Israeli-Lebanese border. Therefore, it could have been carried out with special, by-remote technology possessed by Israel.

The manner in which the representative of Israel voted today — against certain paragraphs in the resolution and against the resolution as a whole — indicates Israel's aggressive posture towards international legitimacy. If Israel really had any respect for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) and for international legitimacy, it would not have voted against a resolution that was nearly unanimously adopted. The Israeli representative cited a number of paragraphs from the Secretary-General's report on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1701 (2007). He stated that the Secretary-General says such and such, presumptuously supposing what the Secretary-General has said. But what the Secretary-General actually has said confirms that Israel violated Lebanese sovereignty 33 times in only one day. That is not a supposition, but a confirmation of reports sent to the Secretary-General by UNIFIL commanders.

The Israeli representative also referred to the existence of Palestinian refugee camps and military sites in Lebanon, as if those camps and sites had nothing to do with Israel's occupation of Palestine and as if the Palestinian refugees had come from outer space and not from Palestine, from where they had been expelled, and as if those Palestinians had no relevance to resolution 194 (III), concerning the right of Palestinian refugees to return to the lands, villages and homes from which they had been forcibly by Zionist gangs, first in 1948 and then in 1967

The Israeli representative suggested th should not interfere with UNIFIL's mandate. H give that advice to his own Government so that targeting UNIFIL forces politically, militarily terms of security, and stops carrying out assass and bombing of UNIFIL sites in Lebanon. S establishment of the Force, the Israeli Governm killed dozens of UNIFIL troops, including recently, the four Chinese officers killed by forces during the recent aggression carried out Lebanon last July.

The Israeli representative also said that position threatens stability in the Middle East. his opinion and he is entitled to it, but he has f that a survey undertaken in Europe last year u aegis of the European Commission confirmed per cent of Europeans — Europeans, not Sy consider Israel to be a threat to international pe security. He also neglected to mention that m 1,000 resolutions have been adopted by the Nations since its establishment condemning Is declaring it an aggressive occupying Power be continues to terrorize the Palestinian preventing it from establishing its own State, occupy the lands of others by force, in territories of my country in the Syrian Golan.

How can the Israeli representative offer a this context? His State is notorious through world, and over 1,000 resolutions of inter legitimacy have passed against it. Not one resolutions, nor even a single paragraph ther been implemented. Israel takes "inter legitimacy" to mean the implementation of me a resolution — resolution 181 (II), of partitioning Palestine into two States. That re referred to the establishment of two States in P a Jewish State and an Arab Palestinian State. Is implemented only that half of the resolution, o many as a thousand, referring to the creation of State. As for the other half, it can go to hell a Israel is concerned. Israel is not concerne upholding justice or the establishment Palestinian State in Palestine.

I do not wish to discuss this further. The obvious and well known to all.

Mr. Ramadan (Lebanon): We take the floor to exercise the right of reply under agenda item 144. My delegation intended to limit its statement to the budgetary aspects of the resolution. However, since the Israeli representative made false accusations, we are compelled to clarify the facts.

We also note that the Israeli representative did not respect the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, because he spoke in exercise of the right of reply when it was his turn to make an explanation of vote before the voting. I think that only shows how Israel does not in any sense respect the resolutions of this Assembly; so why should it respect its rules of procedure?

Lebanon highly appreciates the important role that the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) plays in the southern part of my country, and invites Israel to cooperate with UNIFIL as it pretends to do. The reports of the lack of Israeli cooperation with and even intimidation of UNIFIL are clear and include low-altitude flights of Israeli warplanes over UNIFIL that almost resulted in an armed retaliation by the German and French contingents of the maritime component of the Force. Also, recently, reports attributed to the spokesman of the German command of the maritime component of UNIFIL explained that three new such incidents took place between the Israeli army and the German ships, and that another separate incident took place with a Swedish ship during the months of April and May this year. This past Wednesday, 27 June, Israel was yet again denounced by a UNIFIL official for the lack of Israeli cooperation with the Force, as it seems that Israel does not want to establish a hotline of communication with the Force to tackle arising security incidents.

We advise the Israeli representatives not to interfere in issues that pertain to our relationship with the Syrian Arab Republic. Syria is a brotherly Arab country; Syria is not our enemy. We know very well who our enemy is. It is only because we believe in further strengthening the long-standing and strong relations between Lebanon and Syria that we want to resolve all the pending issues between our two countries. It is for those reasons that we want to establish diplomatic relations and delineate the common borders between Lebanon and Syria.

If the Israeli representative is very interested in the expected accomplishment 1.1, which calls for the establishment of a safe and secure environment in southern Lebanon, we invite Israel to withdraw its forces from occupied Lebanese lands. Lebanese lands are occupied today as we speak, be it in Sheba'a, the Kfar Shuba hills, or in the village of Rshaf. Thus, if Israel is concerned about safety in the southern part of Lebanon, we invite it to withdraw from our country.

Lebanon is thankful and appreciative to all the friendly States that voted in favour of the resolution. Specifically, we extend our thanks to the members of the Group of 77 and China, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, and the States members of the League of Arab States.

The President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 144.

Agenda item 145

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/977)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. The text of the draft resolution, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/61/L.66.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do likewise?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 61/288).

The President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 145.

Agenda item 146

Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/978)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. The text of the draft resolution, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/61/L.67.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 61/289).

The President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 146.

Agenda item 147

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/979)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. The text of the draft resolution, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/61/L.68.

We will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 61/290).

The President: The General Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 147.

Agenda item 151 (*continued*)

Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/644/Add.2)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report. The text of the draft resolution, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/61/L.69.

The Assembly will now take a decision on the draft resolution. The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft resolution was adopted (resolution 61/249 C).

The President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 151.

Agenda item 116 (*continued*)

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/667/Add.2)

The President: The Assembly has before it a draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report. The text of the draft decision, for the time being, is contained in document A/C.5/61/L.72.

The Assembly will now take action on the draft decision, entitled "Questions deferred for future consideration". The Fifth Committee adopted it without a vote. May I take it that the Assembly wishes to do the same?

The draft decision was adopted.

The President: The Assembly has thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 116.

I wish to announce that the informal consultations on revitalization will take place immediately after this meeting, in this room.

On behalf of the Assembly, I would like to thank Ambassador Youcef Yousfi, the Chairman of the Fifth Committee and member of the General Committee, for his dedication, his patience and his hard work.

The meeting rose at 12.05 p.m.